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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 AL-HARETH AL-BUSTANI,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 SEAN B. ALGER, et al.,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C22-5238JLR

MINUTE ORDER

15 The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable
16 James L. Robart:

17 Before the court is Plaintiff Al-Hareth Al-Bustani's unopposed motion for
18 extension of time to respond to Defendant Gen Media Partners LLC's ("Gen Media")
19 motion to dismiss Mr. Al-Bustani's second amended complaint. (Mot. (Dkt. # 98).) Mr.
20 Al-Bustani's response to Gen Media's motion to dismiss is due April 17, 2023. (*See*
21 MTD (Dkt. # 97) (noted for April 21, 2023)); *see also* Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR
22 7(d)(3) (requiring opponent to file a response to a motion to dismiss no later than the

1 Monday before the noting date). Mr. Al-Bustani asserts that an extension is necessary
2 because his attorney has depositions and other, competing court deadlines. (Mot. at 2.)

3 “Parties should not assume that the motion will be granted and must comply with
4 the existing deadline unless the court orders otherwise.” *See* Local Rules W.D. Wash.
5 LCR 7(j). “When an act . . . must be done within a specified time, the court, may, for
6 good cause, extend the time.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1). In the court’s view, Mr. Al-
7 Bustani has not shown good cause for an extension of time. To the contrary, the
8 statements in his motion show that his counsel simply prioritized other matters over this
9 litigation. (*See* Mot. at 2.)

10 Accordingly, the court DENIES Mr. Al-Bustani’s motion for extension of time
11 (Dkt. # 98). Mr. Al-Bustani must file a response to Gen Media’s motion to dismiss his
12 second amended complaint by no later than Monday, April 17, 2023. *See* Local Rules
13 W.D. Wash. LCR 7(b)(2) (“[I]f a party fails to file papers in opposition to a motion, such
14 failure may be considered by the court as an admission that the motion has merit.”).

15 Additionally, the court reminds Mr. Al-Bustani that complying with this District’s
16 Local Rules, including the Local Rules’s word count certification and formatting
17 requirements, is not optional. *See* Local Rules W.D. Wash. LCR 7(e)(6), 10(e)(1),
18 Appendix A.

1 Filed and entered this 13th day of April, 2023.

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3 Clerk of Court

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